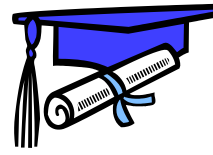


Siuslaw School District Local Option Renewal Measure 20-281



Strong Schools =
Vibrant Florence

Supports student retention and graduation rates. **Projected graduation rate for 16-17 is 84.8%**, up from 68.1% in 13-14.

The Local Option **PAYS FOR 6.5%** of schools' operational costs, such as teachers, electives and programs

THE LOCAL OPTION has allowed Siuslaw to keep class sizes manageable, retain music, art, P.E., and athletics, maintain full school year, & enhance learning opportunities through technology

WHAT DOES THE LOCAL OPTION (MEASURE 20-281) PAY FOR?

AND WHAT WOULD RENEWING IT MEAN?

Local Option funding is equivalent to nearly 11 teachers or 20 school days



There is **no additional cost to the taxpayer**. The measure simply renews the current levy. A home with an assessed value of \$200,000 (avg. property value in Florence) will cost \$150 per year or \$12.50 per month.* **EVERY dollar** is spent for Siuslaw students

RENEWAL of the local option keeps the same levy in place to maintain stability of current programs and services through the 2019-2024 school years

*The current Local Option Levy passed in May 2012 and expires July 2019. Renewal will continue it for the current tax of 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to local voters.

Why Do Siuslaw Schools Need This Local Option?

State funding for Oregon Schools is down 13.5% since 2007 and falls below the national average of dollars spent per student. In 2013 Florence residents supported Siuslaw schools with a local option levy renewal that has increased the school district revenue by nearly 1 million dollars annually. It has provided much needed revenue to the school district in the wake of reduced state funding. The Siuslaw Schools Local Option pays for over 6.5% of our school's operational costs.

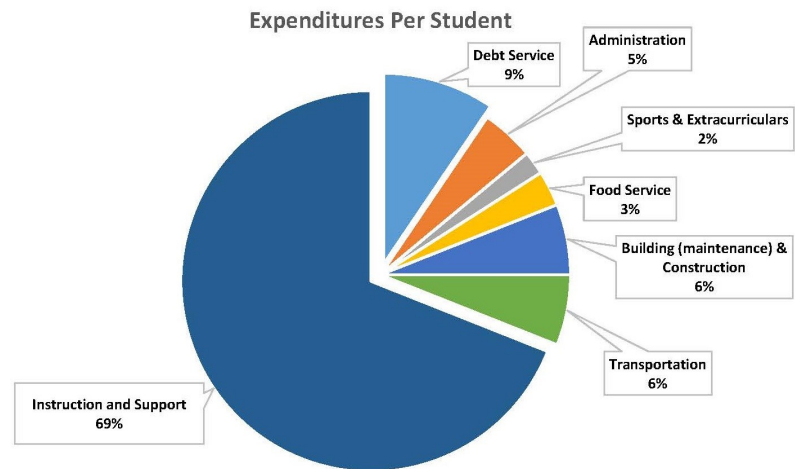
The local option has allowed Siuslaw schools to maintain academic classes and retain courses in music and art, shop, P.E., and extra-curricular activities. Additionally, the local option has enhanced learning opportunities through Advanced Placement (AP) classes, technology, and on-line curriculum. Siuslaw has maintained a full school year and smaller classes where surrounding districts have been forced to drastically cut.

How Does Oregon School Funding Compare With National Average?

The State of Oregon spends seven percent less per student in public schools than the national average. The Local Option provides funding for local schools in communities that value education.



How Does the School District Spend Your Tax Dollars?



What are some of the future challenges the District is facing in regards to funding?

Fortunately, the local option has allowed Siuslaw School District to maintain quality education despite challenging times. What Challenges will the Siuslaw School District continue to face?

- PERS costs are increasing by over \$400,000 per year in the 2017-2019 biennium and are scheduled to increase through 2025.
- Uncertainty of Federal Budget and current Federal programs at Siuslaw (Twilight After-school program, Title II, Food Services, etc.)
- Implementation of HB 3141, increasing required PE minutes for K-8 (2 additional teachers needed by 2020 at the elementary school to meet requirement). No funding at the state level for this mandate.
- Insufficient revenue to fully implement Measure 98. Funds will not recover all Career Technology Education programs or allow for expansion into new career threads (design, computer technology, construction engineering, etc.).

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